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- 1. POST CONFUSED OVER FACT THAT M/MO APPARENTLY BELIEVES SHIPPING SECTION CONSISTS OF SIX EMPLOYEES AND THAT QUOTE SHIPPING SECTION WILL STILL HAVE FIVE OTHER EMPLOYEES END QUOTE AFTER LOSS OF INCUMBENT POSITION 36.
- 2. FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, EMBASSY SHIPPING SECTION EMPLOYS FOUR PERSONS AS FOLLOWS:

POSITION TITLE POSITION NO.

SHIPPING SPECIALIST 34

SHIPPING ASSESTANT 35

DOCUMENTATION ASSESTANT 36

SHIPPING ASSISTANT 37

3. POSITIONS NO. 35 AND 37 SPEND ALMOST 100 PERCENT OF THER TIME OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE AT EITHER ONE OF THE TWO PORTS IN TUNIS OR AT THE AIRPORT EXPEDITING THE CLEARANCE OF EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, HHE, AIR FREIGHT, OR POVS THROUGH CUSTOMS. ANYONE WHO HAS SPENT TWO DAYS SEEING 15 DIFFERENT GOT OFFICIALS IN FOUR DIFFERENT LOCATIONS WHILE CLEARING THEIR POV THROUGH CUSTOMS WILL QUICKLY SEE THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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INCUMBENTS HAVE TIME CONSUMING AND DEMANDING JOBS.

4. POSITIONS NO. 34 AND 36 ARE THE INSIDE JOBS.
POSITION 34 IS THE SUPERVISOR FOR THE OTHER THREE
POSITIONS. INCUMBENT ARRANGES TRANSPORTATION,
DIRECTS THE PREPARATION OF THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK, DEALS
WITH SENIOR CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AND DIRECTORS OF AIRLINE

AND SHIPPING COMPANIES, ETC. POSITION 36 IS THE CLERICAL POSITION IN THE SHIPPING SECTION. INCUMBENT TYPES ALL THE NUMEROUS CUSTOMS AND SHIPPING DOCUMENTS, KEEPS THE FILES, AND ALSO TAKES OVER THE FUNCTIONS OF THE SHIPPING SPECIALIST DURING ANY ABSENCES FOR LEAVE, ETC. EMPLOYEES FILLING POSITIONS NO. 35 AND 37 ARE NOT ABLE TO FILL IN FOR ABSENCES OF SHIPPING SPECIALIST AND DOCUMENTATION ASSISTANT AND STILL DO THEIR OWN WORK. IN ADDITION, INCUMBENTS OF POSITIONS 35 AND 37 CANNOT TYPE NOR DO THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES TO READ AND INTERPRET SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS AND U.S. GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS.

5. CONSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY FEELS STRONGLY THAT POSITION 36 IS HIGH PRIORITY POSITION, AND BASED ON THE ABOVE FACTS REQUESTS THAT M/MO RECONSIDER THEIR DECISION AND ALLOW POSITION TO BE FILLED UPON RESIGNATION OF INCUMBENT.

6. PLEASE ADVISE. MULCAHY

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